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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: PFOR
SUBJECT: EMBASSY PRESS POSITION RE ROBERT VESCO' S ACTIVITIES IN BEIRUT

REF: STATE' S 79851

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ABLE AVOID PRESS QUERIES ON LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY CONCERNING EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN VESCO QUESTION (WHICH HAS APPEARED IN SATURDAY' S LOCAL PRESS), WE PROPOSE TAKE FOLLOWING LINE IN EVENT QUESTION ARISES.

2. IF ASKED FOR COMMENT ON STORY, WE WILL SAY THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO STATEMENTS MADE YESTERDAY BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND BY ERLICHMAN, AND WILL REFER FURTHER QUERIES TO DEPARTMENT. IF PRESSED ON WHETHER STATEMENTS ACCURATELY REFLECT EMBASSY' S INVOLVEMENT, WILL RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY.

3. IF SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY WAS IN CONTACT WITH GOL THIS REGARD WE WOULD NOTE THAT VESCO AND HIS PROJECT WAS A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES AT THE TIME. WE DID NOT, HOWEVER, INTERCEDE WITH THE
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GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF VESCO' S PROJECT. AS MR. BRAY

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POINTED OUT WE RENDERED HIM NO PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S GUIDANCE.
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